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1. SUMMARY. ASEAN ECONOMIC MINISTERS SEEM TO BE TAKING THE LEAD IN DICTATING THE ASEAN CONSIDERATION OF THE SUBJECT AND HAVE OBTAINED THE AGREEMENT OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS TO PLACE PRIORITY ON NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES. IN SEPTELS MFA'S JOSE FERNANDEZ HAS CONVEYED THE DECISIONS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' AND ECONOMIC MINISTERS' MEETINGS, BUT HE APPEARS CONCERNED THAT THE HEAVY EMPHASIS ON ECONOMIC OR NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES WOULD NOT GIVE SECRETARY VANCE (READ GENERAL ROMULO) A SUFFICIENT ROLE. THIS CONFIDENTIAL

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CERN COINCIDES WITH OUR INTEREST IN NOT LETTING THE NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES DOMINATE THE MEETING. END SUMMARY.

2. JOSE FERNANDEZ TOLD US JUNE 20 THAT THE GOP WAS ACTING PROPERLY ON BEHALF OF ASEAN, BUT HE "PERSONALLY" WANTED TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTED AGENDA WHICH WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE WISHES OF THE ECONOMIC MIN-

ISTERS BUT STILL PERMIT THE USG TO ARRANGE THE ITEMS SUIT-
ABLY FOR SECRETARY VANCE'S PARTICIPATION: BEGIN QUOTE:

- SECOND MEETING OF THE ASEAN-US DIALOGUE, WASHINGTON
- D. C., 3-4 AUGUST 1978
- DRAFT AGENDA

THURSDAY, 3 AUGUST

- (CHAIRMAN BY SECRETARY VANCE)
- 1. STATEMENT BY LEADER OF THE US DELEGATION
- 2. STATEMENT BY THE ASEAN SPOKESMAN
- 3. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- 4. BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS
- 5. GENERAL STATEMENTS ON ECONOMIC TRENDS AND DEVELOPMENT
 - A) U.S. STATEMENT (UNDER SECRETARY COOPER)
 - REVIEW OF U.S. ECONOMIC TRENDS AND POLICY DEVELOPMENTS
 - REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF THE BONN SUMMIT AND OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING
 - B) ASEAN STATEMENT
 - RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ASEAN
 - RESPONSE TO US GENERAL STATEMENT ON ECONOMIC TRENDS AND DEVELOPMENTS: (AGC CHAIRMAN)
- 6. CONSIDERATION OF THE REFUGEES PROBLEM
- 7. DECISION ON DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION, INCLUDING ENERGY
- 8. DISCUSSION ON EXPANDED REGIONAL EDUCATION AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME
 - TURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, 4 AUGUST

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- 9. DISCUSSION ON
 - A) NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES, PARTICULARLY COMMODITY PROBLEMS
 - B) TRADE ISSUES, INCLUDING ACCESS TO MARKET, GSP, MTN
 - C) INVESTMENTS, INCLUDING TAX DEFERRAL, OPIC AND SIMILAR ISSUES
 - 10. OTHER BUSINESS
 - 11. ADOPTION OF JOINT STATEMENT
- END QUOTE

3. FERNANDEZ SAID HE HOPED USG COULD RE-WORK THE ABOVE DRAFT AND THEN PRESENT IT AS THE USG COUNTERPROPOSAL. EMBOFF SAID HE WOULD REPORT SUGGESTION AND ASK FOR GUIDANCE.

4. COMMENT: ALWAYS A CAUTIOUS AND PROPER OFFICER, FERNANDEZ IS DEFINITELY UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO PRESENT "HIS PERSONAL SUGGESTION." RIVALRY BETWEEN FOREIGN AND ECONOMIC MINISTERS APPEARS TO BE BEHIND THIS SUGGESTION. GOP/MFA SEEMS TO BE IN FOREFRONT OF STRUGGLE BUT SUGGESTION DOES COINCIDE WITH OUR INTEREST IN NOT LETTING NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES DOMINATE THE MEETING, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE TO ADDRESS THEM FORTHRIGHTLY AND FULLY. MURPHY

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